GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3841
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN BIHAR
SANJAY PASWAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accidents occurred due to collision of train with a railway engine under Eastern Railways in Bihar on 20/11/2001;

(b) the number of train accidents in Bihar during the last two years;

(c) whether the train accidents have been increasing considerably despite the Government's claims of decrease in accidents;

(d) whether the Government have accepted the recommendations of the committees constituted for conducting enquiry into the earlier accidents; and

(e) if so, the reasons for occurring of accidents of the similar nature time and again?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS(SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3841 BY DR. SANJAY PASWAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2001 REGARDING ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN BIHAR

(a): 214 Dn Mokamah-Howrah passenger stopped near Dumri halt at about 16.20 hrs. due to engine failure. Relief engine was sent from the station in rear at about 17.30 hrs. to clear the block section. Relief light engine while approaching the disabled train from the rear collided with the stationary 214 Dn passenger Train resulting in derailment of two coaches. The two coaches that derailed were positioned 9th & 10th from train engine. As a result of the above accident, 10 persons (including 7 Railway staff) lost their lives, 3 suffered grievous injuries and 4 suffered simple injuries.

(b) & (c): Accidents statistics are maintained Zone- wise and not State-wise. Following accidents took place during last three years on Eastern Railway and North Eastern Railway :-

Railway	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001+
Eastern	31	31	35
North Eastern	23	25	37

+ Figures are Provisional.

(d) & (e): Implementation of recommendations made by accident inquiry committees is a continuous and on-going process. Majority of accidents are due to human failure and hence of a repetitive nature. Increased thrust is being laid on inspections and training for reducing accidents on account of human failure.